PRESIDENT : The honourable member may possibly take advantage of the offer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I put the question because I am unconvinced even now.

New roads in the Nedumangad taluk.

14. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any new road has been constructed in the Nedumangad taluk in 1111 M. E. ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, which is the new road and how many miles ;

(*c*) at whose instance it was constructed ;

(*d*) for whose use it was constructed ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why no new road was constructed ; and

(*f*) whether there were repeated representations to open new roads as malaria relief works, and also to open up mountainous and malarial regions ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The road from 23/7 Trivandrum—Ponmudi road *via* Valiayankad Estate – a distance of 1 1/8 miles.

(*c*) At the instance of the public.

(*d*) For the use of the general public.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) Yes.

The Aruvikara-Vellanadu road.

15. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the existence of a good bridge constructed by the Water Works Department at Aruvikara ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the bridge is no longer useful for the Water Works Department ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the bridge is most useful for the pedestrians and the people of the locality to go from Aruvikara, Karakulam, Kachani and other places to Vellanadu, Poovacad, Kattakada and other places ;

(*d*) what is the distance from the above bridge to Vellanadu by short cut ; and

(*e*) how many petitions the people have put in to construct a road from the above bridge to Vellanadu ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) About 2½ miles.

(*e*) Four.

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